

PRESS RELEASE

Chief Judge Peter D. Welte of the United States District Court for the District of North Dakota has reappointed Magistrate Judge Alice R. Senechal to an eight-year term as a United States Magistrate Judge, effective February 9, 2023. This action supports the unanimous recommendation to the Court from a Merit Selection Panel comprised of North Dakota attorneys and lay persons. The unanimous recommendation was made after a public notice and comment period, per United States statute.

Judge Senechal has served the Federal Court as a Magistrate Judge since 1990. As a United States Magistrate Judge, Judge Senechal conducts initial proceedings in criminal cases, manages pretrial matters in civil and criminal cases, conducts pretrial conferences and settlement conferences, conducts Social Security appeals and prisoner litigation, presides over misdemeanor trials, and presides over civil trials with the consent of litigants.

Judge Senechal has served as a member of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts Magistrate Judges Advisory Group. She currently serves on the United States Judicial Conference Committee on Financial Disclosure. She was recently awarded the prestigious American Inns of Court Professionalism Award for the Eighth Circuit, which was presented to her at the Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference in October, 2021.

Chief Judge Welte expressed gratitude and admiration for Judge Senechal's exemplary service to the District Court of North Dakota. Chief Judge Welte noted that Judge Senechal is highly respected by both the bench and the bar throughout the State of North Dakota and the Eighth Circuit. He further noted that her skill, dedication and commitment as a United States Magistrate Judge are invaluable to the public, the system, and the administration of justice.

